

2010 Schedule of Events

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park



Gap Cave

A two-hour adventure awaits as you explore Gap Cave with its majestic stalagmites, striking stalactites and shimmering flowstone. Step into the music room and listen for the whispers of a Civil War Soldier. Catch a glimpse of a little brown bat or a cave salamander. Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date. All tours meet at the Daniel Boone parking area.

Comfortable walking shoes and clothing are a must. This tour involves a 1.5 mile walk, and 183 steps must be negotiated within the cave. For the safety of all, no children under the age of five are permitted on the cave tour.

Adults - \$8.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$4.00

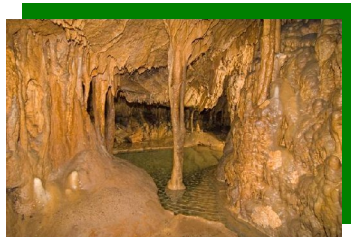
Children five through twelve - \$4.00

January 1 - April 3

Weekends only at 10:00 a.m.
and 2:00 p.m.

April 4 - May 22

Weekdays at 10:00 a.m.
Weekends at 10:00 a.m. and
2:00 p.m.



May 23 - September 6

Daily at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

September 7 - November 27

Weekdays at 10:00 a.m.
Weekends at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

November 28 - December 31

Weekends only at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Hensley Settlement

Visit Hensley Settlement for a nostalgic look into early 20th century Appalachia. Meander down fence-lined lanes, peek into the blacksmith's shop, look into the springhouse or sit in the one-room school. In 1904, Sherman Hensley and Willie Gibbons joined forces to establish a homestead on the mountaintop. Using hand tools to split chestnut logs, the settlers began to build homes. Fences surrounded the cleared land creating pastures and garden plots. A thriving community soon emerged. The land, suitable for raising sheep and growing crops for liquid spirits, supported the community of twelve farmsteads for more than forty years.



Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date. All tours depart from the park visitor center.

Visitors must be able to walk one mile through the settlement; comfortable clothing and walking shoes are a must. Bring a light snack and drink.

Adults - \$10.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$5.00

Children twelve and under - \$5.00

May 16 - October 31

Daily at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

February 27

Appalachia and the Underground Railroad

Dr. Alicestyne Turley from the University of Louisville provides us a new look at American history in terms of race, class, culture and gender from 1830 - 1860 as she shares stories of her family's involvement with the Underground Railroad.

Visitor center auditorium at 1:00 p.m.

March 5 and 6

April 2 and 3

Macrame' Magic

Master artist Jim Gentry demonstrates macramé, an ancient 13th century Arabian art characterized by decorative knots.

Cumberland Crafts, Visitor Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 14

Tracing the Migration of Songs Between Scotland and Ireland to North America

As Scots and Ulster Scots emigrated to America, they carried with them a rich oral tradition of song and ballad singing. Join musician Sara Grey and her son Kieron Means as they trace the migration of these songs and share the impacts which they had on Appalachian music. This renowned mother/son team will expect you to enthusiastically chime in on choruses and refrains.

Visitor center auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

March 27

Junior Ranger Pioneers - Real Life Legends

Stare in disbelief as the real life Daniel Boone appears before your eyes. Listen as he tells of his adventures through the Cumberland Gap.

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

March 28

Kentucky's National Parks Movie Fest

In this Kentucky Life special with host Dave Shuffett, soar to the heights of Cumberland Gap and Big South Fork and descend to the depths of Mammoth Cave. Learn how Kentucky played an important role in the history of our country along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and at the Abraham Lincoln birthplace. Tasty movie morsels will be provided.

Visitor center auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

March 29

The Full Moon at Cumberland Gap

March brings the whispers of spring and the renewing of nature's wondrous cycle. As a full moon rises in the eastern sky, stroll with a ranger along the historic Wilderness Road. Uncover the visible and the obscure critters that make Cumberland Gap their home.

Thomas Walker parking area at 8:00 p.m.

April 17 and 24

Spring's Beauty Pageant

With the coming of spring, Mother Nature spreads her colorful apron upon the earth. Dazzling yellow wood sorrel, stunning violets, liverwort and delicate pink lady slippers are but a few of the prism colored gems scattered along the landscape. With camera in hand, walk along the trails and find these rare wildflower treasures. The April 17th program will include a photography workshop led by Harold Jerrell.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 10:00 a.m.

April 24

Junior Ranger Pioneers Civil War Hike

Hike with a ranger and experience a glimpse of the life of a Civil War soldier at Cumberland Gap. Hear stories of Morgan's retreat. Learn which armies occupied the Gap. Perhaps enlist your services for a day!

Thomas Walker parking area at 10:00 a.m.

April 28

Cumberland Gap By Moonlight

As a full moon illuminates the night sky creating a mysterious surrounding, walk with a ranger on the Wilderness Road. Be still ... listen to the night. Perhaps you will hear the spirits of those who came before.

Thomas Walker parking area at 8:00 p.m.

May 1

Hike to Hensley Settlement

Join rangers in hiking the Chadwell Gap Trail to Hensley Settlement. Learn about historic coke ovens, marvel at unique geologic formations and search for spring wildflowers. This strenuous seven-mile round trip hike includes a 2000-foot elevation gain in the first two miles. Bring plenty of food and water!

Chadwell Gap trailhead at 9:00 a.m.



May 7 and 8

Cumberland Gap Dulcimer Gathering

The beating of the drone stirs something deep within and carries you back to a bygone time. Listen to the enchanting melody of the dulcimer. Tap your feet to the exhilarating rhythm as the Wilderness Road Dulcimer Club and Friends shares songs of long ago.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater

Workshops begin at 10:00 a.m.

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

May 8

Junior Ranger Pioneers - Living on the Frontier

See what your life would be like as a kid on the frontier! Chores would be many - from gathering firewood to carrying water to tending livestock. And at night, what would you lay upon as you went to sleep?

Raid at Martin's Station, Virginia's Wilderness Road State Park at 10:00 a.m.

May 8

Photography Workshop

Shutterbugs? Frustrated that your perfect photo turned out to be a flop. Join renowned nature photographer Harold Jerrell as he provides tips and techniques in capturing composition and lighting.

Visitor center auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

May 15

A Shady, Wet World

Step into the shady wet world of a mountain stream community. Hidden beneath rocks, in streams and under logs, lurk fascinating creatures waiting to be discovered.

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

May 28

Within the Shadows of Cumberland Gap Heritage Walk

Cumberland Gap's rich history is filled to the brim with chapters of the Cherokee and Shawnee, longhunters and pioneers, Civil War soldiers, industrialists and park visitors! Walk the Wilderness Road Trail through the historic Gap and meet the figures in each riveting chapter.

Daniel Boone parking area at 7:00 p.m.

After the 1.5 mile long walk a shuttle service will be provided from the Thomas Walker parking area back to the Daniel Boone parking area.

May 29

Honoring Warriors Throughout the Ages

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "They are dead; but they live in each Patriot's breast, And their names are engraven on honor's bright crest" will guide us as we pay homage to warriors who throughout the ages have fought for America's freedom.

Visitor center grounds at 10:00 a.m.

May 29 - September 4

Evening Around the Campfire

Around the glowing embers of a campfire, tales of long ago begin to emerge. Learn about the lives of the early settlers traveling the Wilderness Road. Hear intriguing stories of Civil War soldiers during Morgan's retreat. Listen to the saga of women on the frontier. Learn intriguing tidbits about animals that live in the forest.

Every Saturday night at the Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

June 12 and 13

July 3 and 4

Life On The Frontier

Whispers of yesteryear emerge as you come face to face with people from the 18th century. Witness their trials and triumphs as they go about their daily lives on the frontier. Smell the aroma of homemade stew or discover the art of making bullets.

Visitor center cabin 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 18 and 19

Wooden Wonders

Accomplished woodcrafter David Crandall showcases his wooden boxes created using hand cut dovetail joinery.

Cumberland Crafts, Visitor Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 19

Stories in Stone

For some, stones conjure up memoirs of cracked windshields. But to others, stones reveal incredible stories of ancient, environments, cataclysmic events, upheavals, and tectonic mélanges.

Pinnacle Overlook at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

June 19

Songs of Abraham Lincoln's America
Through songs from and about his life, travel across Abraham Lincoln's America with internationally renowned touring ballad singer Judy Cook. Songs will take us from Lincoln's birth in 1809 to his death in 1865.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

June 26

Soft Mountain Breeze
Forty years of performing together and Jimmy Mullins and Ken Childress have developed a signature blend of great singing, pickin' and stories. They will delight all with "old timey" tunes, the blues and traditional mountain music.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

July 3

Junior Ranger Pioneers - Firing Off a Shot for Liberty
Learn about the long rifle Daniel Boone used to fight for his life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Celebrate July 4th with some old fashioned games.

Visitor Center cabin at 10:00 a.m.

July 3

Foot Stomping Time
Who can resist an evening of pickin' and grinning' that makes the heart sing, the feet stomp and the hands clap with delight! Join rangers for an evening of fun with the bluegrass style of Greg Breeding and the Brushfire Band.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

July 7

Cold Blast at the Gap
Learn how a cold stone remnant is part of the skeletal remains of a once thriving industry that produced pig iron at the Gap.

Meet at the Iron Furnace at 10:00 a.m.

July 30 and 31

August 1

Craft Heritage Days
Cornshuck dolls, weaving, spinning, macramé and the bowed psaltry all come to life as a host of artisans demonstrate their crafts.

Cumberland Crafts, Visitor Center 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 7

Listen to the Whistle Blow
Railroad enthusiast and musician Roy Harper dusts off forgotten song relics of the past and brings them to life again. Through story and song, learn about the Cumberland Gap railroad tunnel and what railroads meant during the Civil War.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

August 7 and 8

Shuckery and Woods Pretties
Watch in wonder as Lila Marshall's cornshuck dolls, flowers and wreaths take shape and character.

Cumberland Crafts, Visitor Center 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 13 and 14

Life In The Day of A Frontier Woman
Stroll back in time when a woman's work was never done. Glimpse into the life of women on the frontier struggling to provide for a family. Learn everyday chores of cooking on an open fire, washing clothes and hunting game for food.

Located at Virginia's Wilderness Road State Park 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



August 13

Shooting Star Extravaganza
Summer night skies on Brush Mountain are amazing. Witness one of nature's most spectacular events. Gaze upward as meteors flash across the moonless sky. Caravan with park rangers to Hensley Settlement and observe the extraordinary Perseid meteor shower. Vehicles must be front- or 4-wheel drive.

Meet at the visitor center at 6:30 p.m.

September 4

Picture Perfect

Renowned nature photographer Harold Jerrell shares tips in creating more compelling photographs.

Visitor center auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

September 4

For Old Time Sake

Take a trip down memory lane with Boogertown Gap. Listen to adventurous tales and lonesome songs intricately woven together. Hear the music and be transported to the early years of Appalachia.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

September 25

Junior Ranger Pioneers - Moving West

Soap, candles, moccasins, the family Bible? What would you chose to pack in preparation for your migration west through the Cumberland Gap?

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

October 1 - 3

Raptor Rhapsody Weekend

Gaze skyward from the Pinnacle Overlook as winged wonders migrate south. Kids activities, live bird programs and formal presentations throughout the weekend.

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park and Pine Mountain State Resort Park

October 16

Journey to White Rocks & Sand Cave

The White Rocks were a major landmark to weary travelers on their way to the Cumberland Gap. Journey with a ranger on this seven mile, round-trip hike through lush forests with breathtaking views. See the many colors of Sand Cave. Strenuous hiking involved. Bring plenty of water.

Meet at the Civic Park Trailhead at 9:00 a.m.



November 11

Retiring Old Glory

Old Glory remains a symbol of independence, hope, pride and love of country. Flags, once brilliant and glorious and now tattered and torn, must be retired with dignity and respect. Come... witness the solemn ceremony as Old Glory is laid to rest.

Visitor center parking area at 5:00 p.m.

November 20

Owl Prowl

Join park rangers for an adventure into the forest for an unforgettable encounter with a nocturnal predator. Learn incredible facts about the owl. Listen closely... in the stillness, you may hear its call.



Visitor center at 7:00 p.m.

December 11

A Taste of Christmas Past

Immerse yourself in rich Appalachian traditions! Feast on Twelfth Night cake, create an heirloom quality bauble and decorate the visitor center Christmas tree with cranberries and popcorn.

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

Additional programs may be added throughout the year.

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